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Welcome to a newsletter that has you in mind!



"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (6) So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Hebrews 13:5-6.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I pray that you have been enjoying the spiritually rich words of encouragements that our faithful contributors have been blessing you with. I know I have, and I'm indeed thankful for their desire and willingness to share with us. In this new series I want to deal with the subject of: *Unfailing Strength*.

It seems more and more that folks are losing control of their ability to stay strong and content in whatever state they are in. The pandemic brought many changes to how we live our lives. It has brought uncertainty; it has altered our daily routines, and has increased financial pressure and social isolation. Moreover, gun violence has increased to the level of mass killings, frequently and unmitigated, leaving states, towns, and communities spinning for answers while mourning its loss. The aftermath is devastating and emotionally draining.

These things have unhinged some and have caused them to lose their contentment and their place of peace with God. Our thoughts and conversations are wholly centered on the mayhem that is running rampant throughout the nation. It's as though we have lost our minds and just giving in to any and everything. Our actions and mindset are showing that we have moved God from being first to that of being second or third in our lives. Lord we need your help! And the scary part is that we fail to see where we have fallen. Our strength has failed us and we are so unaware of it. Am I describing you?

In the final **Chapter of Hebrews**, we find several exhortations beginning at **Verse 1**, which admonishes us to let brotherly love continue. In **Verse 2**, we should show love toward strangers because some have entertained angels unaware. In **Verse 3**, we should remember those in prison and others who are mistreated.

In Verse 4, we are told to hold marriage in honor, abstaining from fornication and adultery because God will judge us. And yet we behave like there is no God. We act as though we have no strength at all. But I stopped by to tell you that the world's situation today requires that we have and display unfailing strength! Our lives need to speak loudly of the fact that we serve a True and Living God! We need to live like the Lord is our Helper!

As we enter into our text, beginning at **Verse 5**, we find a warning against covetousness, in other words not seeking money or material gains. The previous verse was a warning against "the lust of the flesh," which deals with immorality, those things that aren't morally right. But here we have a warning against "the lust of the eyes" which deals with materialism.

And let me say this: both – lust of the flesh and lust of the eyes – are contrary to the love of the Father. **1 John 2:15-17** declares, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. And it's going to take unfailing strength to do so! "He that doeth the will of God abideth for ever!"

More next month. Please stay with me!

Sincerely,

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Faith Towards God

Greetings, Everyone!

This month we will start looking at the second essential teaching that is written in the book of **Hebrews 6:1-2** (NKJV).

"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

We will be looking at faith toward or in God. Before we move on, let's break down each word in its Greek form. According to Strong's Concordance, faith is called "*Pistis*," toward is called "*Pros*," and God is called "*Theos*." When we think about the word faith, the words trust and to believe come to mind, and I would say that you are correct. However, in the Bible, it is multifaceted. Scripture identifies and describes God in many ways, but only one verse affirms His existence and His power. **Genesis 1:1** (*NKJV*) says, "**In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.**" Just from that verse alone, we can see how great and wonderful God is.

The writer wants us to learn about God's nature, character, and love for us. Faith continues to be a demonstration of our love and trust in God by believing that He is always with us wherever we go (**Joshua 1:9**), we can trust His Word and that He is our refuge (**Psalm 18:30**), and that God shows His love for us while we were still sinners by having Christ die for us (**Romans 5:8**).

The writer is encouraging us to have faith in God. Our faith in God will always be based on sharing the Good News because we are eyewitnesses. **Romans 6:1-14** teaches us that once we become saved, sin shall not have dominion over us, and we are not under the law but under grace, God's grace. From knowing that, where is your faith? Faith in God gives us confidence as we continue to trust God and His promises (**Hebrews 11:1**). Faith in God will transform us and renew our minds (**Romans 12:1-2**). Faith in God will give us the strength to speak boldly (**Acts 4:31**) and with love (**1 Corinthians 13:1-13**). Praise God and Christ Jesus for allowing me to share this with you (**Galatians 6:6**)!

I encourage you to write down these scriptures, post them where you can read them, and allow God to speak to you about building up your faith and trust in Him. Jesus said this to the ruler of the synagogue in Mark 5:36 (*NKJV*), "Do not be afraid, only believe."

Next month, I will discuss the doctrine of baptisms.

Blessings,

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"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:11

Are You Armored Up? It is Time to March to the Battlefield

Ready! Aim! Fire!

The enemy is running rampant and looking for all he can clench his hands on. He will not be satisfied until all of God's people are under his control. This world is slowly dying, and people are falling prey to the schemes of the enemy. The enemy knows our very weaknesses and how to tempt us to do his bidding. God has equipped us to stand face-to-face against the enemy and defeat him and all his minions.

Now is the time to stand firm and strong in the Lord because our victory is with Him. Paul writes, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:10-11). The enemy knows when God's people are fully covered in Him, there is no defeating us. In all adversity, you just stand because the victory of God has been declared over each of our lives.

As we are blessed to see each morning, step into the full armor of God while declaring this is the day that every scheme, tactic, thought, etc., will be destroyed in Jesus' Name.

- 1. Stand in Truth. God's Word is the truth and should be hidden in our hearts. We are to be ready to speak God's Word at any moment evilness tries to rear its ugly head. We are to live in the authenticity of God. Satan will try to accuse us; however, wear the breastplate of righteousness like a badge of honor. It is God's righteousness that is flowing in and through us.
- 2. Stand firm in the peace of God. Plant your feet on solid ground and live according to the righteousness within you. This is confirmation of moving and acting in the will of God. It may get challenging; however, greater is He that is within you than he that is in the world. Stand when you have nothing left in you; God is with you and has you covered.
- 3. Put up your Shield of Faith. "Whatever temptations the devil fires at you, you can overcome him by believing God's Word and acting on it. Acting in faith is like activating a divine fire extinguisher." (Dr. Tony Evans).
- 4. Put on your Helmet of Salvation. We are to think God's thoughts. We are to act in the characteristics that is of Him. Always protect your mind because if there is a slight opening, the enemy will take it. Declare God's thoughts and wisdom over your mind every day.
- 5. Take up the Sword of the Spirit. This is God's Word. Our offensive weapon. The enemy cannot stand when we use the Word against him. Speak the Word! Speak the Word! Watch the enemy flee!

We are now ready to march onto the battlefield to fight everything the enemy will try to attack us with. However, the one thing the enemy keeps forgetting, we are not coming alone. Get ready! Get ready to walk into our victory. ARMOR UP!

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Prayer is Always in Order — Part II

As I mentioned in Part 1, the word "pray" comes from the Latin word *precari*, which means to entreat or ask. We should be prayerful and consult God about everything because the scripture says to acknowledge God in all things (**Proverbs 3:6**). A dear friend of mine, Pastor Dr. Michael Henderson, gave one of the best sermons on prayer I have every heard. Not just prayer, but "persistent" prayer. With the condition of the world and the long list of issues we are all dealing with, prayer must be the church's weapon of warfare and is one of the most potent prescriptions known to mankind.

Drawing upon the Biblical story of the widow who persistently went before the King to demand that she receive justice (**Luke 18:1-8**), Pastor Henderson surmised that persistent prayer produces three things: 1) Discipline, 2) Growth, and 3) Endurance. These three things help us go the distance.

Dr. Henderson explained that persistent prayer preserves us in the mist of storms. Everyone fits in one of three categories: you are in a storm; coming out of a storm; or about to go into a storm. It is certain that storms will show up repeatedly, but between God's grace and mercy, and persistent fervent prayer, you can make it. Prayer will elevate your mind, spirit, and perspective. When we pray, we typically ask God to change or fix something. In many instances, God wants the situation to remain the same and for us to change. Prayer reminds us of the power of God, lifts us up, and helps us stay on top of our circumstances (rather than under our circumstances).

Dr. Henderson went on to declare that prayer strengthens our faith, which is critical for all Born Again Christians. **Hebrews 11:6** says, "**But without faith it is impossible to please God.**" So, we need faith; for we walk by faith and not by sight (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). Prayer is the key and faith unlocks the door. So, make sure you PUSH (*Pray Until Something Happens*).

We must have faith in God when we pray. Mark 11:22 states, "...whatsoever ye desire, when you pray, believe that ye shall receive them, and ye shall have them." I love the saying, "in order to achieve it, you must see it before you see it." Therefore, when you pray, practice the following principle:

Speak it \rightarrow Believe it \rightarrow Receive it

God will reward those who are faithful. Move your desires from your mind to your heart because **Psalms 37:4** says, "**Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart (**not your mind)."Why? Firstly, because the Bible says so. Secondly, because the heart is stronger than the mind. The body can live without the brain, but cannot live without the heart. So, as my former pastor's wife would say, *guard your heart*.

PRAYER IS ALWAYS IN ORDER! No matter where you are in life, no matter what is going on in life, and no matter how you feel, prayer is always in order. It is impossible to maintain a strong relationship with God with a weak prayer life. You can always tell where a person's relationship is with God by the way they pray.

If you are a Born Again Christian, I strongly encourage you to have a strong prayer life. It will truly make a difference in your life as well as others. I believe the greatest reputation a Child of God can have is that of a "prayer warrior." So, pray on my brother, pray on my sister, and watch God move.

Dr. Preston Butler, Jr.

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"Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all." (1 Chronicles 29:11).

What a declaration of power and ownership! And it is this power that gives us the victory. If everything that's in the heaven and in the earth belongs to the Lord, then He is the controlling factor over everything that happens in our lives. Knowing this alone, my dear friends, gives us the victory in Him!

And with that, this edition has some awesome articles for you. I'm indeed grateful for our journalists who take so much of their time to share a life-changing word with us. God is so good! Evangelist Black-Tucker continues her teachings with Faith Towards God, which gives us confidence as we continue to trust and rely on Him and His promises. Remember that we walk by faith and not by sight! Sister Arkeshia Brown returns with another soul-stirring proclamation calling for preparation. The enemy is real and running rampant. It's time to armor up and march toward the battlefield. The victory is ours!

Holding fast to prayer, Dr. Butler cements his conviction about fervent and persistent prayer. If you are in a season of storms, persistent prayer will preserve and keep you! It's all in His Word! The articles are power-packed and worthy of sharing!

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